



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Mayor George Van Dusen of the Village of Skokie
3 has enjoyed a distinguished career as a public servant; he has
4 served as Mayor of the Village of Skokie since 1999; before
5 serving as Mayor, he served as a Village Trustee and as
6 Assistant Supervisor of Niles Township; he also served as
7 Legislative Assistant and Director of Suburban Operations for
8 U.S. Congressman Sidney R. Yates; and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor Van Dusen has been a resident of Skokie for
10 more than 25 years; he is an active member of his community and
11 is involved with a multitude of community organizations,
12 including the United Way of Skokie Valley, Temple Judea Mizpah,
13 Skokie Indians Little League, and the Highland School PTA; he
14 is also a member of the adjunct faculty at Oakton Community
15 College, where he teaches American and European history and
16 American government; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Van Dusen is an active member of the
18 Northwest Municipal Conference, addressing the needs and
19 issues confronting the Village of Skokie and the northwest
20 region of the State; he serves as a member of both the
21 Conference's Executive and Legislative Committees and has
22 worked tirelessly on issues related to telecommunications,
23 E-911, tax increment financing, household hazardous waste
24 disposal, and transfer taxes; he serves as Chairman of the
25 Board of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and
26 worked to implement the Village of Skokie's comprehensive
27 recycling program, which has served as a model for many other
28 communities; he is also a member of the Executive Committee of
29 the Chicago Transportation Study and Co-Chair of the North
30 Shore Council of Mayors; and

31 WHEREAS, Mayor Van Dusen has played a leading role in the
32 development of the Illinois Science and Technology Park, which

1 will benefit the entire State by directly providing over 3,000
2 jobs and by creating an additional 14,000 jobs and an estimated
3 \$1.8 billion in economic activity; his effort to support the
4 biotechnology industry in Illinois will mean more jobs, wealth,
5 and excitement for the State of Illinois and will help put
6 Illinois at the forefront of an industry attempting to defeat
7 disease and malnutrition worldwide; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we celebrate Mayor George Van Dusen's exceptional dedication to
11 the well-being of his community and his efforts to make
12 Illinois a leader in the field of biotechnology; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Mayor George Van Dusen of the Village of Skokie as
16 an expression of our respect and esteem.